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Applicant: : Steven C. Quay  
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Docket No. : PT9219 US5  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response one month from February 24, 2004, up to and including March 24, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.